

2004 RMT SCHEDULE

(Approved 11/13/03)

(Corrected 11/25/03 - October time)

MONTH	DATE	DAY	TIME	ORIGINATOR
January	5	Monday	2:50 PM	Local Area
February	3	Tuesday	7:25 AM	State DEM
March ¹	10	Wednesday	3:50 AM	Local Area
April ¹	22	Thursday	9:45 AM	State DEM
May ²	17	Monday	10:00 AM	Local Area
June	11	Friday	7:50 AM	Local Area
July	10	Saturday	9:50 AM	State DEM
August	1	Sunday	4:50 AM	Local Area
September	6	Monday	3:25 PM	NWS
October ³	6	Wednesday	11:30 PM	Local Area
November	11	Thursday	10:25 AM	Local Area
December	10	Friday	4:50 AM	Local Area

¹ In April, the RMT will be part of the state's earthquake preparedness drill. Since that will occur in the daytime, March has been switched to a nighttime test. The preparedness drill will occur between 9:45 AM and 10:00 AM.

² In May the RMT will be part of Pierce County's annual Lahar test.

³ The October test coincides with a FEMA-required activation and survey of tone-alert radios in Franklin and Benton counties.

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- Nighttime tests must run between local sunset and 8:30 AM. Times for some of the nighttime tests have been moved closer to normal daylight hours, but hopefully not so close that they interfere with radio's drivetime.
 - This schedule deviates from the originator schedule in the state plan so that local areas are not responsible for all nighttime tests.
 - The State DEM will not activate in the middle of the night in consideration of the participants in the CSEPP program.
 - The NWS will not activate in the middle of the night in consideration of those people who are alerted by the tone alert system.
 - One test falls in the early fringe programming time for television (6:50 PM), one falls in drive time for radio (7:25 AM).
 - One weekend test is originated by the State DEM, one is originated in the local areas.
 - There is an emphasis on testing around the clock so more people are exposed to EAS procedures.
 - Exact times are shown. This will help traffic, programming, and operations departments everywhere prepare for the incoming test, and balances out the desires of those groups that asked for top-of-the-hour tests and those that asked for bottom-of-the-hour tests.
 - The April and May tests deviate from the standard test pattern (day/night, first full week of the month) due to the scheduling of the earthquake preparedness drill in April and the Lahar drill in May.
 - September is "Weather Radio Awareness Month" so NWS will originate in September.